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REMARKS

Original Claims 1-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 25-59 are presented in this response. These claims are based the specification as filed, and include for example, combinations of the original claims. Applicant submits that the new claims are clearly patentable over the cited art.

Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Okajima et al (U.S. Patent 4,794,855). In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 3-4, 6, 9-11, 13, 15, 17, 19-20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okajima et al as described above in paragraph 2 in view of Stuerzel (U.S. Patent 5,536,356). In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot.

Applicant wishes to interview the Examiner prior to the application of this reference to the new claims, and an Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) is attached for that purpose.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time in connection with the filing of this response.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

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Abstract

Interview Request Form

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